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"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

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WOLYNIAK AWARDED CRISPR Cas9 GRANT

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Of the STEM fields, biology doesn't typically boast the most "cutting-edge" advancements. Even in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not often that advancements in biology are discussed

beyond vaccines or over the counter medicines. Hampden-Sydney is seeking to change that trend with the University of Houston and the University of Wisconsin-Stout. All three schools were awarded grants from the National Science Foundation, one of two federal insti-

tutions that gives grants to the sciences. The total amount of the grant, which was awarded to McGavacks Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Mike Wolyniak, is \$500,000 over the course of five years, most of which will be spent on national workshops on how to teach CRISPR to undergraduates. To understand why the money is being spent in this way, it is important to understand what CRISPR is.

CRISPR is an acronym for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats." It is a system by which gene editing can be undertaken in a supremely accurate way. CRISPR draws on a process un-

PR has only existed in its present state for about seven or eight years, so everyone in the field has had to learn how to work with it, and everyone coming into the field has to learn from the ground up. So, the grant is used mostly to figure out how to instruct incoming undergraduates on CRISPR, but what can that new process do?

Dr. Wolyniak was clear in stating that CRISPR has limitations like any other process or technology. CRISPR can only edit one cell at a time, so the concept of genetically engineering fetuses for a specific hair or eye color is off the table, at least for now. Dr. Wolyniak emphasized that

the radar of those not involved in the biological sciences, CRISPR is a once in a generation development in the sciences. The significance of this discovery is matched only by the significance of the NSF grant to the College. While the money will certainly be well spent educat-

ing future biologists on the importance of CRISPR technology, the recognition that Hampden-Sydney will get from joining the University of Houston and the University of Wisconsin-Stout in leading the charge into the field of CRISPR technology is just as important.

STUDENTS FLOCK TO FUTUREBIRDS FEAT. DJ Hi Ed

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Hampden-Sydney College kicked off its annual Homecoming Weekend on Thursday, October 21 by hosting Atlanta-based indie rock band Futurebirds, featuring DJ Hi Ed.

The well-known band was welcomed by the College after performing here previously and receiving high praise from those who attended their performances.

DJ Hi Ed, a Farmville native, kicked off the evening at 6:30PM in the Kirby Fieldhouse parking lot on the massive stage that was constructed.

DJ Hi Ed was ecstatic about the opportunity to perform in front of a hometown crowd. Hi Ed recounted his experience on stage, saying, "It was so much fun. I was super excited when the school came to me and asked if I would want to open for [the Futurebirds]. I was a little worried at first about what kind of music I wanted to play, but then I realized that I had enough mashups and edits to play a lot of my own stuff, so I just kind of built on that. That was the biggest stage/crowd I had ever played, so it was so cool to experience that. And as always, the Futurebirds put on an amazing show and I'm very thankful

to be a part of that."

The Futurebirds performed until about 10 and were pleased with their overall experience. When asked about this performance compared to their previous times at HSC, one of the band members said, "Well, this is just bigger. It's a school-sponsored event as opposed to us playing for a small, private party. So, this was huge, bigger turnout, I feel like we were well taken care of... it was a lovely space, very beautiful."

The indie rock band was very active and engaging with the crowd and played a number of songs that the crowd was able to sing along with. Thankfully, and credit goes to all parties involved, there were no real incidents of misbehavior or violence while the performances were going on.

However, there were a few politics-related chants from time to time throughout the night, which briefly shifted focus from the band but didn't seriously impact the flow and rhythm of the show.

Altogether, the combination of the Futurebirds and HSC's very own DJ Hi Ed was one that signaled the beginning of a great weekend here on The Hill and made Homecoming Weekend an action-packed event.

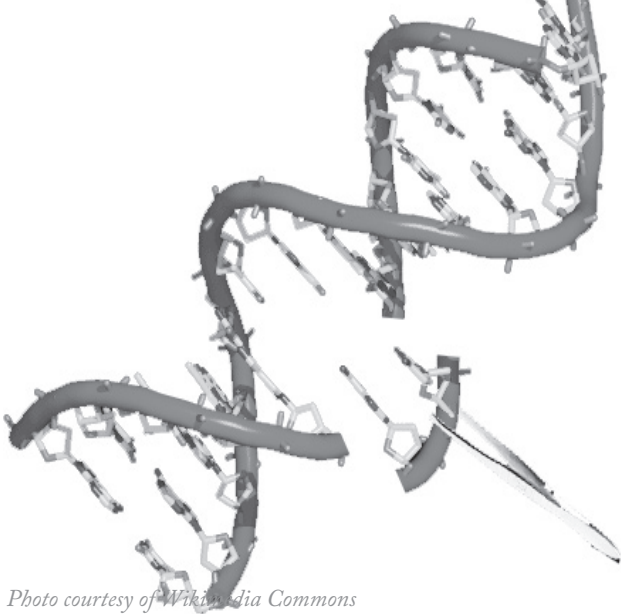


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dergone by bacteria that cuts up viruses that attempt to attack it and stores a section of the virus DNA within itself. This process allows bacteria to better defend against the virus should it attack again. Similarly, the human immune system also works in a way that remembers invaders to better fend it off after the first infection. CRISPR takes the process used by bacteria and applies it to other cells by use of the CAS-9 enzyme, allowing scientists to accurately make cuts and substitutions inside genes.

The reason that the money is being spent from the grant to teach undergraduate students about CRISPR is due to the extremely new nature of the process. CRIS-

the main focus for CRISPR is to understand how certain genes work together, whether in humans or in other forms of life. Perfectly understanding how genes work together to create the human body would be a breakthrough beyond breakthroughs, but that seems to be a far cry from our current understanding. Dr. Wolyniak also mentioned that beyond better understanding gene sequences, it would be possible to grow products such as insulin, although he admitted that that was because there has been a focus on finding a cheap form of insulin for fifty or so years. Ultimately, CRISPR is a tool for making precise genetic changes.

While it may have flown under

Barnes and Noble College (BNC) is set to manage the Hampden-Sydney College Store starting on November 1st. This new joint operation with BNC involves improvements to the whole College Store experience. BNC will manage the on-campus bookstore, student and faculty course materials, and the online retail store. Ken Copeland, Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance at Hampden-Sydney, stated in the school press release that "this partnership will enable us to offer expanding store hours and an enhanced web presence that will improve the online shopping experience for our community and friends." Also, according to Ken Copeland, there will be no 'Barnes & Noble' sign outside the Campus Bookstore. The outside of the bookstore will stay the same. Jonathan Shar, Executive Vice President of BNED Retail, stated "we are very excited to partner with Hampden-Sydney College and we look forward to offering a wide range of academic solutions and a seamless retail experience that will help to drive success

BALANCED BOOKS: BARNES & NOBLE TO TAKE OVER CAMPUS STORE

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for Hampden-Sydney students." With BNC taking over the H-SC College Store, there will be a couple new systems put in place that will benefit students, faculty, and all friends and family at H-SC. Next fall will be a new course material system for students called "First Day* Complete" that will make the course material search experience more convenient and affordable. This new delivery system sends an email to each student after they register for courses, letting them know the quickest, easiest, and cheapest way to order their course materials. Students will receive constant updates about the shipping status of their ordered materials. Additionally, the faculty will be able to use a new system called the Adoption and Insights Portal (AIP). The AIP provides a more convenient way to find and submit course materials for professors. This new system will benefit both faculty and students by increasing the number of options for materials and overall access to research. Finally, the bookstore apparel and gifts selections will be expanded. BNC has a "strategic alliance with

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Crossword

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Across

1. Gator’s cousin
5. Not this
9. Pick up
14. Hercules, Spiderman, e.g.
15. Abounding
16. Robin Hood’s friend
17. Crude group?
18. Taj Mahal City
19. Come together
20. Sad people
23. ____ de deux
24. “____ alive!”
25. Mob member
28. Lieu
30. During
32. Egg cells
33. Military hut
36. With a vengeance
37. Vulnerable
39. Insect stage
41. Folds

42. ____ Today
43. Atomic particle
44. Already dead
48. Fuse
50. Australian runner
52. “____ moment”
53. French high-land
57. Plain folk
59. Pepsi, e.g.
60. Early pulpit
61. Stressed
62. Face-to-face exam
63. Apple variety
64. Tricked, rather than treated
65. Brings home
66. Snow coaster

Down

1. Bites
2. Echo
3. End of a threat
4. Cocaine herb
5. Piece of land
6. Stock market

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The Tiger has an unofficial tradition of featuring articles that include course recommendations, and as Editor-in-Chief, I feel it is my obligation to continue this tradition. But instead of giving a whole list of recommended courses, I have decided to recommend only one: Greek 101.

People often balk at the prospect of studying ancient languages, because, they say, languages that no one speaks seem useless. Latin and ancient Greek—the two ancient languages offered at Hampden-Sydney—are both dead languages, and learning them would not enable you to travel the globe and converse with the other denizens of the world.

In all likelihood, however, neither will learning any of the other languages you might study at Hampden-Sydney. The plain fact is that most Hampden-Sydney graduates are not fluent, or even proficient, speakers of the language they study.

If you don’t believe me, find an upperclassman who has satisfied his language requirement, and ask him whether or not he can speak the language

figures

7. Big hair
8. Blue hue
9. Yellow
10. Punk jerk wizard
11. Sharpening stone
12. Amigo
13. “Don’t give up!”
21. Infect center

he studied for four semesters. The odds are that he will say he can’t, which is understandable given that learning a language to the point of fluency requires dedication and time beyond what most students are willing to commit to it.

The notion that a dead language is a useless language is patently absurd, as is the notion that studying a language in which you never develop fluency is useless. Enjoying the fruits of proficiency by studying culture, history, and literature is a rewarding experience for those who put in the requisite time, but the study of foreign languages is beneficial in its own right.

Any Hampden-Sydney student who takes his development as a good speaker, writer, or all-around communicator seriously should also take his study of foreign languages seriously. As native English speakers, many of us do not know of the myriad grammatical and syntactical structures that our language has, nor of the morphologies, idiosyncrasies, and etymological links that constitute the beautiful monstrosity that is English, and studying only English will not reveal many of its more ex-

22. Eye problem
26. The night before
27. Cold and wet
29. Water-blue
30. Type of tree
31. Intro to physics?
34. It happens
35. Famed fiddler
36. On top of that
37. Repeated messages

38. Kicked off
39. Place
40. “It’s no ____!”
43. Coherent
45. Mundane
46. Allow
47. Refresh
49. Antiquated
50. Acclaim
51. Breakfast, lunch and dinner
54. Clickable image
55. Golfer’s warning
56. Makes it?
57. Absorbed, as a cost
58. Actress ____ Ryan

hilarating elements.

It is my opinion that seriously studying any language, modern or ancient, as long as it is sufficiently foreign to the person studying it, will prove far more beneficial to students’ writing than any rhetoric, English, logic, or composition class offered at a place like Hampden-Sydney. My point is not to disparage H-SC’s rhetoric, English, or philosophy classes but rather to emphasize the paramount importance of engaging with another way of speaking. The only way to understand certain features of our own language is to see how they are similar to, different from, or absent altogether from the languages spoken by others. I studied Spanish in high school, French at the beginning of college, and Greek for the last year and a half, and while each of these languages enriched my education more than I know how to say, none has helped me in unexpected ways more than Greek has.

I can speak only from my own experience, but that experience has shown me decisively that of these three languages, Greek has revealed the most to me about language itself. I have been speaking for over twenty years, because it has disabused me of my assumptions about language in ways that Spanish and French simply could not have because of their similarity to English.

Greek is just similar enough to

modern languages to be recognizably related to them but just different enough structurally to be a considerable conceptual challenge for those students who want to investigate new ways of thinking about language. Admittedly, non-Romantic, non-Greek-derived languages like Chinese and Russian will help enable you to rethink the structure of language, but they do not offer the added benefit of introducing you to elements of the history of the language you speak—not in the way that Greek will. That leaves German and Latin, but neither German 101 nor Latin 101 are offered next semester.

In fact, the only 101 language course that is offered next semester is Greek 101, so if you need to fill your language requirement, the good Lord might be trying to tell you something. (I don’t think it’s any coincidence that the New Testament is written in Greek—that’s right! The Bible was not written in English.) The number of colleges and universities that offer Greek courses has diminished considerably in the last hundred years, so getting to take it is a rare opportunity. I will add that some might even call Greek a tradition at Hampden-Sydney. If you are looking to fill your language requirement, improve your writing, or acquire the skills needed to study ancient languages, enroll in Greek 101, and make every week Greek Week!

Bookstore, cont’d

Fanatics and Lids,” which means the apparel section will increase in variety, style, and quality. Hopefully the book-

store upgrades will increase academic success and provide more merchandise options once everything is set in place.

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OPINION

MASQUERADE! Hampden-Sydney’s Outdated Campaign against COVID-19

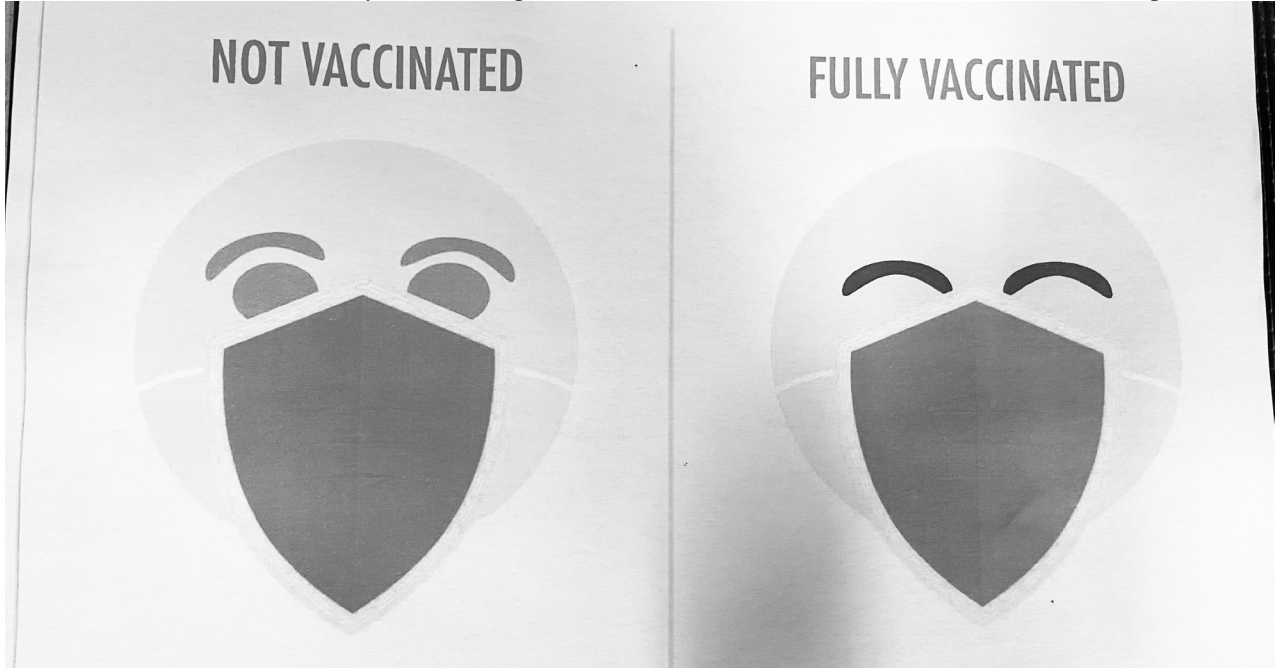
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Hampden-Sydney is different after dark. In the daylight, most students wear their masks to class, in public buildings, and when conversing with their professors. At night, the charade ends. At night, masks in the library, the Rhetoric Studio, or any public building are as uncommon as they are common during the day. When the sun goes down, students across campus stop their daylight-induced, performative acceptance of Hampden-Sydney’s mask mandate on vaccinated individuals.

When students are left to their own devices, those vaccinated students refusing to abide by the mask mandate need not fear the repeated, vilifying demands to change their behavior. While there are many instances of such demands, they come from just a few overzealous faculty and staff members.

We can confirm of one particular instance in which a faculty member inappropriately cursed at a student for not wearing his mask. The student was vaccinated, physically distanced, and one of just two people in an expansive indoor area. The ringing curses faded into ironic echoes, however,

when they bounced off the walls of glass, for the very space in which this professor shamed a student for noncompliance is a den for nocturnal disobedience on the part of those students employed there. If some people are at the point where resorting to abuse of authority is the only avenue by which they can enforce a rule, perhaps that rule’s place on campus should be re-examined.



Reminders about masking in low-risk situations—whether polite or aggressive—do not inspire in students a desire to abide by the regulations and often foment indignation about having to follow rules that are all but obsolete.

Well-meaning or otherwise, these requirements and reminders about masking come off as disingenuous, because most people rightly believe that the locus of COVID-19 prevention has shifted from the provisional measures of masking and

social distancing to receiving FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccinations.

The vast majority of students and a significant portion of faculty and staff defy the mask mandate regularly. But for the sake of argument, suppose that everyone followed the mask mandate to the letter. Most campus community members would then be masking for about 4-6 hours a day on average, so if

they wanted to, students could follow all the rules and still spend the better part of a 12- to 15-hour day maskless, with utter disregard for anything even resembling COVID-19 precautions.

Moreover, the College’s regulations say nothing (for vaccinated people) about dorm rooms, nothing about bringing guests on campus, and nothing about social gatherings. According to the most recent communication from the College about COVID-19, the mandate “re-

quires masking for all individuals in our academic buildings and the Pannill Commons while our region is deemed an area of substantial or high transmission.”

According to the CDC, an area of substantial or high transmission is one with 50–100 cases per 100,000 people in the past seven days. Since the population of Prince Edward County is about 23,000, a mere 11 cases in the

county would qualify it as “an area of substantial or high transmission.” In a county that expands for over 350 square miles, 11 cases of COVID-19 are but a drop in the bucket.

Last year, the COVID-19 safety regulations were comprehensive; they enforced rules on all aspects of campus life, not just public buildings. Our lives were fully changed to help fight the spread of COVID-19, and those changes were meaningful. That was before more than 80 percent of the student body, 98

percent of the faculty, and a substantial percentage of H-SC’s staff members were fully vaccinated. The vaccine has proven overwhelmingly effective in preventing against serious illness, hospitalization, and death, i.e., an immense majority of Hampden-Sydney community members are incredibly well protected against COVID-19. Now, the rules permit hours-long, maskless, guest-in-

habited parties three days a week but demand masked 50-minute class periods. The rules permit maskless exercise but forbid maskless intellectual inquiry. Only at night, it seems, can those on campus finally take advantage of the fact that H-SC, as a community, is highly protected.

We understand that the mandate was put in place in an attempt to maintain the safety of the campus community, and while we concede that masking was once both effec-

tive and important in the fight against COVID-19, the insistence that failing to wear a mask could end up killing someone no longer serves as the silver bullet argument it once did.

The advent of the vaccine has radically altered the risk calculus. And although the school is following CDC recommendations, we must remember that if H-SC repealed the mask mandate for vaccinated individuals, the College would not be doing anything legally reprehensible.

We would do well to keep in mind the context of all this. For over a year-and-a-half, Americans have abided by the schizophrenic orders of governors, directors, and bureaucrats who seem utterly incapable of envisioning the endgame of our response to COVID-19. We must ask ourselves why we, as citizens, continue to follow these ill-conceived or irrelevant rules. Wearing a mask in October 2021 is an act of appeasement, not of disease prevention.

COVID-19 has demonstrated to us and to those who govern us that a scared populace is an obedient populace. Sixteen months ago, if Dr. Anthony Fauci had told people that they could avoid contracting COVID-19 by clipping their fingernails, most Americans would

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Service and Honor: Remembering Afghan Refugees

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On August 30, 2021, the United States finalized its departure from Afghanistan, marking the end of the twenty-year war. Although America had declared an end to the War in Afghanistan, the region found itself facing the same threats and dangers that had first led the US to declare war. Along with the reappearance of past perils, America has found itself attempting to deal with other fallout, including the replacement of the many refugees that assisted our service men in the war.

Today, thousands of refugees, and other Afghans that fled from the

oppression of the Taliban, find themselves in resettlement camps in the United States. These refugees, along with many others that have resettled in other ally countries, find themselves empty handed and having to learn to live in a place foreign to them. Many refugees still wait patiently as they attempt to find a new home. However, this process of relocating them across the US and other nations has been delayed amid the chaos.

As this process continues to be stalled, many Americans and others in Europe have begun to see the Afghani refugees as national security threats. They fear that welcoming them could

risk a terrorist attack, leading them to resent resettlement plans. While it may be reasonable for one to worry about the security of one’s nation, this does not relieve the United States and its allies from the moral obligation that they have to these refugees, for many risked the lives of their families and themselves to help our troops during the war.

We went into war in Afghanistan to seek revenge for the attacks on 9/11 and to defeat the Taliban. Rather than withdrawing after actualizing these objectives, our presence continued out of belief that we could rebuild Afghanistan as a democracy. The swift takeover of the state by the Tal-

iban demonstrated that our extended occupation was not only unsuccessful but also deepened the issues in the region that had existed before the war.

Our occupation of Afghanistan came at the cost of the security and lives of many innocent civilians. These civilians, especially those that aided our troops, lived in a state of constant violence and fear; many of them not knowing a life outside of chaos. It may be easy to forget about the many refugees that are still in need of our aid when many of them are located hundreds or thousands of miles away from us.

However, this is not the case. Thousands of Afghan ref-

ugees are currently located in Fort Pickett, an Army National Guard base located roughly forty miles from Hampden-Sydney. Currently, it is the only base in the United States allowing large numbers of civilian volunteers.

These refugees, including many women and children, have left behind their homes and the only place they know. Now, they are left concerned about their futures as they attempt to resettle in a new and unfamiliar place. While it may be difficult to aid these refugees with a home and other necessities, aid in comfort and basic supplies can go a long way for these families as they await their new lives.

Earlier this

month, Liberty University sent a group of student volunteers and supplies to Fort Pickett. They comforted families as they conversed with them and lifted the spirits of children as they played games with them.

As Hampden-Sydney men, we are taught and are molded by the principles of being a good man and good citizen. These principles come with a responsibility of service and honor. In this, we are called to aid those that are most in need and in doing so we demonstrate a character that is true to our principles. Let’s display our character through helping these refugees survive their trauma and time of instability.

NEWS

MENTALIST ALAIN NU, THE MAN WHO KNOWS, PERFORMS A NIGHT OF MYSTERIES FOR CROWD AT H-SC

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On Friday, October 15, Alain Nu, A.K.A. “the man who knows,” gave a marvelous and mind-bending performance in Crawley Forum. Nu recently finished a run of 100 shows in Las Vegas, Nevada and was invited back for the third consecutive year by his long-time friend and Hampden-Sydney’s very own Elliott Professor of Chemistry Dr. Kevin Dunn and the Lectures and Programs Committee. The show was captivating from the very beginning. For one of his first tricks, Nu did a “newspaper oracle reading,” an act that consists simply of a newspaper and question. The question Nu used for this act was “how do we as a society deal with the current supply shortage until things get better?” With some audience participation and no small degree of comedy, Nu slowly tore the newspaper into progressively smaller halves until all that was left of the original, full-sized newspaper

was a single word that answered the question—the answer in this scenario was “marijuana”. Later in the show, Nu did something that most of the audience had never seen: he mentally connected two audience members via hypnosis. Upon inviting the two gentlemen to the stage, Nu had each close their eyes, and with much flourish and drama, he placed them under hypnosis. After he did this, Nu asked the participants to raise a hand if they felt a tap somewhere on their body. Peculiarly, Nu only tapped one participant, yet both raised their hand and were able to accurately pinpoint the tap to their respective right shoulders, all with their eyes closed! At the conclusion of the show, I had the privilege of speaking with Nu about his early influences in magic and, to a lesser extent, the occult. He cites two people that he met in his early teens as the most influential in his life—Mark Chorvinsky and John Kennedy (Nu was quick to note that he was not talking

about the former president). Chorvinsky is the owner of Dream Wizards, the longest running brick and mortar role-playing Dungeons & Dragons store in existence,

and the founder of Strange Magazine. In the back of Chorvinsky’s store is a small magic shop, where Nu met Kennedy, who was good friends with Chorvinsky and one of the

most innovative magicians of the time. Towards the end of our conversation, Nu said that “the strange side of [him] came from Mark [Chorvinsky] and the more

commercial side of [him] came from John [Kennedy].” All in all, Nu’s performance was not one to miss, and I look forward to seeing him perform again in the future.

My Chemistory: Of Molecules and Men

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On the 22nd of October, Dr. Bill Anderson gave his last lecture at Hampden-Sydney College. The room was packed nearly to the brim with his friends, former students, and bright, young minds wishing to hear the departing words of a campus legend. Because it was the end of his time at Hampden-Sydney College as McGavacks Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Anderson saw fit to begin his lecture with the beginning of man’s relationship with chemistry. From the first ape-man exclaiming

“Ooga booga!” when he struck a spark from flint to modern molecular marvels, Anderson painted a picture of the importance of chemistry throughout the ages, urging others to pick up the proverbial torch and continue studying chemistry. But words without action are meaningless, to paraphrase the Apostle John, and Anderson knew that his students would need help along the way to succeed in their studies. Therefore, the 22nd of October also marked the official announcement of a scholarship in his name. Provided by his loving daughter, this scholarship had already been

unofficially aiding HSC students for two years before its announcement, giving important aid to recipients Andrew Howell and Alexander Washington. Anderson seems to have touched the lives of all his students. One of Anderson’s former students, Tobias Konieczka '22, said that “Dr. Anderson

really understands how to get people excited to learn science. He wants his students to understand chemistry by looking at the world around them, seeing the inner beauty of the world through chemistry.” We here at Hampden-Sydney College wish Dr. Anderson the best of luck as he enters retirement.

A Preview of H-SC Basketball

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The Hampden-Sydney Basketball team is coming off of a interrupted 2 and 4 season. The Tiger’s previous season was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Hampden-Sydney’s first game this season is November 6th against Greensboro. Junior Captain and guard, Chase Turner, sheds light on key players in this year’s upcoming season. “I think everyone made major improvements in their game this year, if I could only pick a few, I’d say Adam Brazil, Ryan Clements, Jake Hahn, Dj Wright, and Josiah Hardy,” said Turner. “One player who made a huge jump this summer was Miles Harris.”

Turner was recently selected to serve as a captain this season alongside two of his other teammates. “It’s a great feeling knowing my teammates and coaches trust me to lead this team next to Jake and Jack.” Students are also looking forward to this year’s season. Players and students are excited for the opportunity for basketball with fans. “The basketball games are always electric and the crowd is consistently going crazy. The atmosphere in Kirby is great along with awesome school spirit,” said Sophomore Ethan Farmer. It is clear that the Tigers will be a team to watch this winter, as the team begins working towards qualifying for the ODAC Tournament in late February.

Theater Dept. Stages Wittenberg

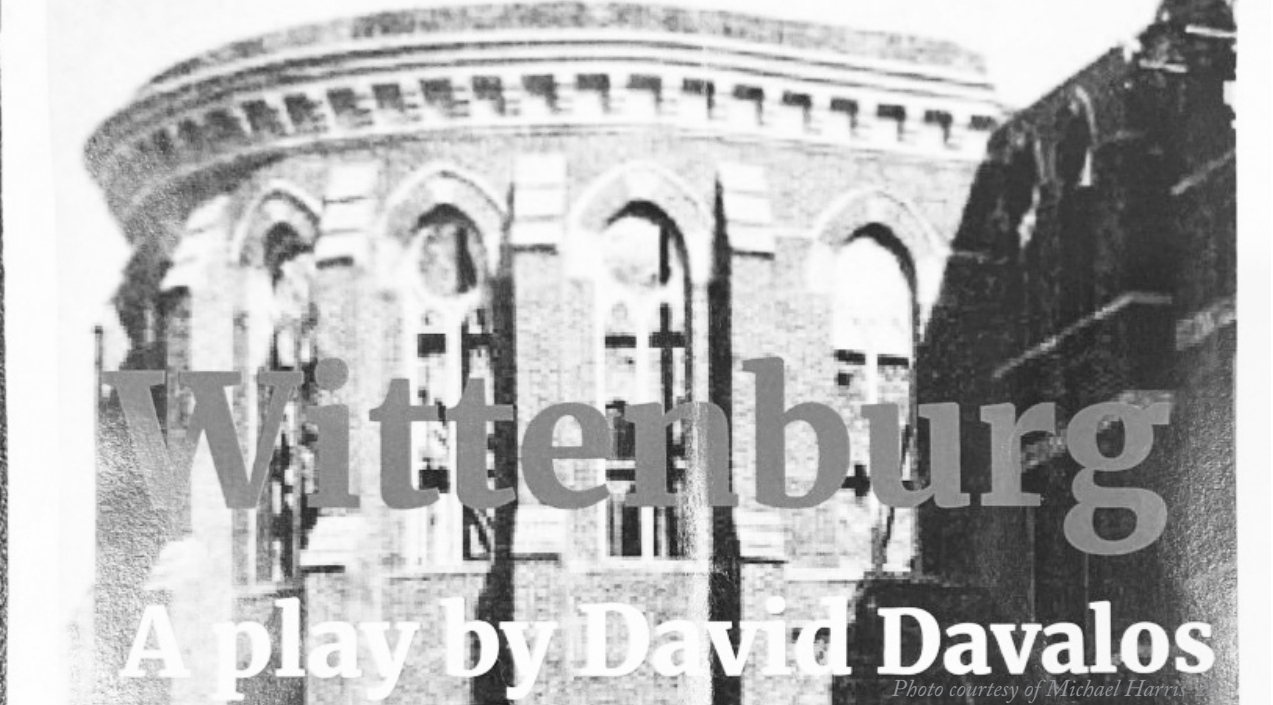
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This past week, I had the pleasure of viewing the theatre production *Wittenburg* that was put on by our fellow students this past week. The play was written by David

fortable atmosphere filled with laughter as well as interesting topics of debate regarding religion and how the church can potentially be even more dangerous than the devil himself. We can look into the mind of Martin Luther and his doubts about

the authority of someone much more powerful than I. It was interesting to see the “push and pull” effect that John Faustus and Martin Luther had on Hamlet, with one convincing Hamlet to reach for salvation while the other urges

as set designer to create a flexible set that required minimal movement to change scenes. The actors and director used their creativity to make the set come alive whether that set be an office, bar, or bedroom. It was very evident that our fel-



Davalos and directed by Shirley Kagan. The play centers around Hamlet (Wesly Martinez Ortiz) receiving philosophical advice from John Faustus (Cooper Boyles) as well as spiritual advice from Martin Luther (Nathan W. Joyner) on the meaning of life. The performance from these three created a com-

the church as well as John Faustus’ search for true love with The Eternal Feminine (Helena Loucas). In the midst of being entertained, I found myself leaving the play with deep philosophical and religious questions on what it means to live life as well as what it takes to question

Hamlet to reach for grounded logic that is not based upon the supernatural. Between the quick and quippy remarks and the humor found in the dialogue, I found myself pleasantly surprised with how serious the play could get and how deep it became. Andrew Bryce also did a great job

low Tigers and Lancaster worked extremely hard to put on this production. I urge those that love theater and even those that are not into it as much to come watch *Death of a Salesman* in November, where the same amount of hard work and talent will once again be on display FOR FREE for all of us to enjoy.

Four Honor Court Members Resign

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Four Student Court Justices resigned the week of October 18, triggering special elections in all three classes represented by the Court. Elections were held today, October 28. The resignations stem from an incident that occurred earlier in the month at the Chi Phi House on College Road. All four of the justices who resigned were brothers at Chi Phi. The Tiger is not aware of any allegations that the four justices were directly involved or present for the incident. Due to privacy con-

cerns, the details of the incident are not public, but The Tiger is aware that the charge against the fraternity involved giving alcohol to underage students. In addition to the resignations, Chi Phi has been placed on social close lasting two weeks and ending today, October 28. The fraternity was allowed to host a band on the weekend of October 16 because it was scheduled in advance, but the closure has been in effect since mid-October. The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and Dean of Students Richard Pantele, who was a

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Christian’s Corner: 70 Times 7

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Brothers and Sisters of Hampden Sydney, how should we act towards people who have committed a legitimate grievance against us and who deserve a punishment? Jesus’s answer to Peter is quite clear: Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.” (Matt 18:19–22). Mercy should be our response against those who transgress us. I say it like it is easy, but God knows how hard it is for us to forgive.

Consider the parable of the unmerciful servant: a lord forgives one of his servant’s large debts, but that same servant refuses to forgive the trifle that a fellow servant owes him. Because of the first servant’s refusal to be merciful, the lord becomes angry and hands the unmerciful servant over to the jail-

ors (Matt 18.23–35).

God gives his love and mercy to each and every one of us without hesitation. We revel in such an undeserving gift and exclaim God’s great beneficence, but then we turn to our brothers and sisters and refuse to forgive even the most insignificant matters. What hypocrites we are! For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you, but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matt 6:14–15).

Let us emulate the mercy of God, the Father Almighty, because mercy is one of the sincerest expressions of love. We cannot say that we truly love another if we give him what he is due. I ask you, dear reader, to consider this question. To those you love, do you give them (whether it be time, energy, money, or any type of support) just enough to help them, or do you give them as much as you possibly can give? Christianity is not a religion of justice or karma,

and a great thing that it isn’t. If I got what I deserved, I would spend an eternity in Hell, and it would be just for me to suffer. But it is so much greater that God forgives, because through forgiveness, God truly shows how much he loves us. If a person is seeking an apology, then that person has transgressed you, and it would be perfectly appropriate to give them whatever punishment is just. But when you forgive, you are saying, “I acknowledge that you have hurt me, and it has hurt me, but I do not care about any of that. I value you as a person more than any pain that you have caused me. I want to see you in Heaven rather than Hell.”

It is extremely crushing when a friend betrays you; it is a sinking feeling with no bottom. But if it is so terrible, think how loving it is when you forgive him. Recall the bursts of joy when someone has forgiven you for something that you are totally responsible for. Remember when Jesus said that “he who is forgiv-

en little, loves little” (Lk 7.47). For us to love greatly, we must forgive; we must be merciful. However, we must also encourage those we forgive to do better, just as Jesus does with the woman caught in adultery.

Jesus says to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again” (Jn 8:11). There must be an earnest desire of the forgiven to become better. If someone seeks forgiveness presumptuously or with deceit, he will not receive true reconciliation and has deceived only himself. Yet for the penitent, a gift with no substitute is given. Let us not be bogged down in our pride, in our clinging to justice, or in our weak wills. Let us forgive.

Alas, that is but my humble interpretation. Each person is called into a relationship with Christ, and each person is unique. If you have any questions or quarrels with whatever I have said, please, do not hesitate to email me, David Crego, at Cregod23@hsc.edu. God Bless!

Spoiler Alerts
Never Spoil:
Sizing Up *The Big Short*

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To those of you who know me, you probably know that I am quite terrible at watching movies. Chances are if you ever ask me “Have you seen this movie?”, the answer is no. So, in an effort to make myself watch some movies, I am writing this column. In every issue of The Tiger, I will be writing a non-spoiler review of an old movie that I had never seen. These movies could be a decade old; they could be five decades old. The moral of the story is that spoiler alerts never spoil.

THE
BIG
SHORT

For the fourth issue of this column, I watched another more recent movie. *The Big Short* is a 2015 film by director Adam McKay (you may know him from *Talladega Nights*) about the events leading up to the Financial Crash of 2008. The film is cast extremely well, following characters played by Ryan Gosling, Steve Carrell, and Christian Bale.

None of their characters are entirely likable, all are a little strange, but they are played extremely well. Steve

caught me off guard at first, but it became one of my favorite parts of the movie.

The Big Short takes a major historical event most of us remember quite well and makes it human. Not, mind you, human in the sense that real people suffered. It touches on that, but barely. Instead, it humanizes the suits on Wall Street that so many came to hate. I think it’s an admirable endeavor and one that largely succeeds. *The Big Short* earns a solid 76%.

COVID-19, cont’d

have done it 5 times a week without a second thought, without a shred of critical thinking.

Clipping one’s fingernails is hardly the worst thing a government has ever asked its citizens to do. And yet the thought of what people might do when they are scared pales when compared to what they did do, and it seems as though there is some reckoning to be done with the past, with the thousands of disabled, homeless, and elderly who were left behind when people shut themselves up at home and wouldn’t speak to anyone, with the thousands of domestic abuse victims, with the

people suffering from depression and addiction, and with the minorities who were disproportionately harmed by the pandemic’s adverse effects.

No one is infallible, and no one can change the past; but we believe the Hampden-Sydney administration has the courage to think independently. Considering the diminished risk for the majority of the campus community and the potential harm of unconditional submission to authority, we call on the Hampden-Sydney administration to repeal the mask mandate for vaccinated individuals—in spite of the CDC’s recommendations.

H-SC SLUDGE REPORT

A satire column by Jeffrey Hunsaker ’23, staff writer

A particularly friendly squirrel named Skippy is polling well in the Honor Court Special Elections. “I’d never give nuts to kits” claims Skippy.

Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department received an alarming call earlier this week about a large column of smoke moving across campus. Dr. McDermott assures campus that there was no smoke, just a cloud.

Student contests RPE score: “It wasn’t a comma splice, it was asyndeton.”

The boardgame Clue is being critically analyzed by members of the faculty. They fear that unmasking the killer may lead to an epidemic of students without masks on.

Another blow to the Classics department: is/eum and ea/eam rejected as legitimate pronouns.

Wilson Center preemptively accepts 167% of Class of ‘26 into the Wilson Fellows Program.

Concern in the Philosophy Department: No one has seen Dr. Hight in quite a while. He may have ceased existing when he left our perception.

The history of the hitherto existing Hampden-Sydney is the history of class struggles.

Theatre Department rethinks Stage Fighting class after recent incidents with Alec Baldwin.

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) considers launching Ninth Crusade.

History Department considers correcting CCM: Ninth Crusade happened 750 years ago... or it was a part of the Eighth Crusade.

President Stimpert Demands that Leadership be added as a basic need on Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs.

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TIGER SPORTS CENTER

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H-SC Football: Win 42-28

Highlights:

Senior RB #2 Kaleb Smith rushed for 138 yards, averaged 6.6 yards per carry and scored 3 touchdowns to help secure the Tiger victory. Sophomore Josh Jones #29 hauled in a 46 yard pass for the touchdown from Senior quarterback #11 Tanner Bernard who passed for nearly 300 yards on the day.

B r a e d e n Bowling scored two separate times to bring the Tigers back into the lead, making the score 28-21 at the end of the second and 35-28 in the beginning of the 4th. Smith put the game away to make it 42-28. Senior #28 Dillon Costello ended the day with 73 yards under his belt.

H-SC Soccer:

The soccer guys have had a bit of a rough time near the end of the season but have managed to put up some pretty memorable games along the way. On October 20th, they put a beating on Ferrum, winning 5-0, and waged a war of endurance against Bridgewater to remain 2-2 in double overtime the game before. While we had a tough loss against Lynchburg,

the men look to bounce back against Eastern Mennonite University on October 26th. This edition of the paper will be too late, but good luck to you all as I sit here and type this.

H-SC Basketball:

Tiger Basketball has just named its three captains, congratulations to Captains Jake Hahn, Jack Wyatt and Chase Turner. We'll get our first basketball game on November 5th at 6pm against Greensboro College in the Kirby field house.

For more Tiger Sports coverage such as our nationally ranked Golf team, Cross Country and Swimming, tune into hscathletics.com to read more in depth coverage of all the events.

Washington Football Team:

I am not a football team fan. Just a disclaimer. But I'm still going to give them a fair shake as probably one of the most popular teams on campus competing with 'Team Brady' fans and the Panthers. Let's dive into it then. Or Lambeau leap into it, as Heinicke did after downing himself at the one yard line. The Football Team did not play poorly. They just didn't win. They didn't punt once all day. They

outgained their opponents in yardage 430 to 304 and held the ball longer. They just couldn't score. They had five drives come up short within Green Bay's 30 yard line. That's impossibly frustrating but very much so Washington football.

Senior Maxwell Hampton has been quoted as saying "better players get luckier," and it gets on my nerves constantly because I have awful luck. He is reaffirmed, however, by WFT D. Tackle Johnathan Allen who says, "We're such a better football team than what our record says...But at the end of the day, you can only go by what we've done. We're what, 2-5? That's just who we are. Losing teams find ways to lose games and winning teams find ways to win games."

Better teams get lucky more. The Packers are on a 6 game win streak and are absolutely cutting up every team they play. Maybe it's the Rodgers mullet or throwback helmet. Maybe they're on a revenge tour after everyone predicted they would lose Rodgers and become irrelevant. Whatever. Stay away from the water in Green Bay if you like losing.

Washington Capitals:

Cartoon

SAM ROBELEN '23
GUEST CARTOONIST



The Caps are starting off the year hot. With a record of 4-0-2, they have not lost a single game outright yet this season. While a couple disappointing OT losses mar the perfect record, it's exciting to see this team still produce with what many consider an aging roster still dreaming of the glory days of hoisting the cup back in 2018. While this year may not look like the most promising for the Capitals chance to win the Cup, it is exciting to watch Captain Alex Ovechkin race to the top of the leaderboard of most goals scored, netting two towards the overall total last night in the high scoring game against Ottawa which ended 7-5 on October 25th.

They set out to face Detroit and Arizona before meeting back up with the Lightning who handed them their first overtime loss. As the year is just getting started, there's not a ton to say about this old Capitals team except for the two new fresh faces on the roster pulled up from

Hershey. At just 19 years old, Hendrix Lapierre has his first goal which he scored in dramatic fashion in the first game of the season.

Connor McMichael had two assists and it's great to see the young phenom finally get some playing time in the big leagues. As this core ages, it's fantastic to finally see the young guys get some play time as they represent the future of the organization. Investing in these young kids now by giving them some playing time can help them develop into top players under the guidance of the stars like Ovi and Backstrom.

D.C. United Memphis rapper Yo Gotti is becoming a co-owner of DC United. His real name is Mario, which I find super interesting. In other news, if you are interested in writing the soccer section of the sports, please reach out to the newspaper!

Nationals:

The Capitals almost killed Juan Soto, letting him on the ice to shoot a puck. Stick to

the dirt buddy. Glad to see you having fun with other Washington sports teams though! In other league wide news today, the World series is kicking off today, pitting the Atlanta Braves against the Houston Astros. I am not sure why the Astros are allowed back to the World Series but here we are. For Atlanta, it's their first time back since 1999. This will be an interesting series, with the Astros cheating still hanging over their heads and Atlanta's starting pitcher being a Former Astro. It will be exciting to see the Braves head back to the World Series as the last time they went was before most of us were born.

Court, cont'd

brother at Chi Phi during his time at Hampden-Sydney, '13 manage fraternity social events and fraternity conduct. When asked, Pantele declined to comment due to concerns over the privacy of the students involved, as did Coleman Meadows '22, Honor Court Chairman.



The Hampden-Sydney Tiger Staff, circa 1978. Courtesy: the Kaleidoscope

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